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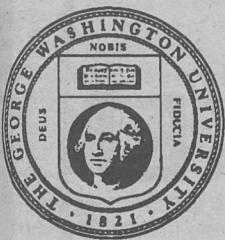
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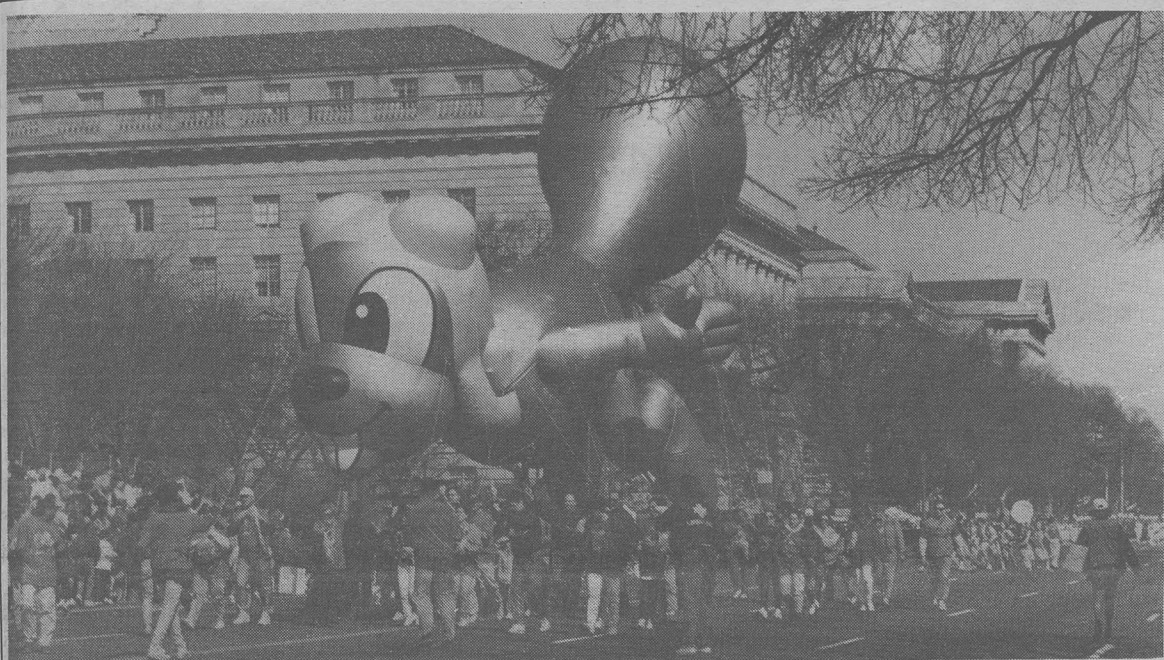


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Rocky the Squirrel helped Washingtonians usher in spring Saturday during the annual Cherry Blossom Parade.

Earlier decades inspire activism

More students today want to serve community, help those in need

by Jennifer Batog

News Editor

This is the second in a two-part series on community service at GW.

A Closer



Look

Activism is something that goes hand in hand with college. In the '60s, students protested the Vietnam War. In the '70s, they abhorred the nuclear arms buildup. In the '80s, protecting the environment became the trendy cause to fight for. Today, '90s college students have become active in social issues such as homelessness, inner-city poverty and education through community service.

GW students are especially active in these issues, particularly because of its location. According to a 1991 study conducted by the Office of Enrollment Research and Retention, 41 percent of GW's undergraduate students participate in community service some time during their college career. Cheryl Beil, GW's enrollment research and retention director, says participation in community service is on the rise. "Students are becoming more aware of . . . the needs of other people. There's a willingness and a desire to get involved."

Peter Konwerski, program coordinator for community service in the Office of Campus Life, says community service is becoming a trend among college students, but adds that it is a trend that will last. "There is a real significant number of people who do community service and (who) support the movement on campus," he says. "There is more that needs to be done and there are more people that will do it."

Dawn Hutchison, the regional coordinator for the Campus Outreach Opportunity League's Into the Streets program agrees that community service is becoming a trend on American college campuses. She attributes the increased interest in community service to the state of the nation and the fact that college students are more apt to become involved because they are more idealistic than older people.

"The situation the country is in . . . there are serious needs that can't be ignored. Problems are becoming more serious and there is more awareness among college students," she says.

Konwerski's office, established in 1991 and funded by the University, acts as a clearinghouse to help individual students or groups such as Greek-letter organizations find a

cause they are interested in getting involved in. In addition, the office sometimes helps student projects pay for publicity. Konwerski says his office works on a regional, national and international basis and has ties to several area and national community service organizations including the D.C. Service Corps and COOL, the national organization based at the University of Minnesota.

"We try to point them (students) in the right direction and cut through some of the bureaucracy," he says of his office.

There are numerous ways GW students can work in the community, either in Foggy Bottom or elsewhere in the District, Konwerski says. He says students usually get involved in education projects. His office works primarily with the Grant School on G Street and Stevens Elementary on K Street. Students help by guiding younger students, tutoring or bringing younger students to campus to experience college life.

Homelessness, the environment and health issues such as AIDS are also concerns, Konwerski says. Students get involved with these issues by volunteering at soup kitchens or homeless shelters, planting trees or volunteering at hospitals and places like the Whitman Walker

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NOW leader foresees chances for women

by Hershal Shevade

Hatchet Staff Writer

Although many people believe feminism "is the new F-word," this is a time of great optimism and hope for all women, National Organization of Women President Patricia Ireland said in a speech Thursday at the National Law Center.

Ireland addressed several issues, including the debate over gays in the military and the increase in the number of women holding political power in America.

Ireland, president of NOW since 1991, said one of the greatest breakthroughs of the past 25 years has been women in higher institutions and women in power acting as role models for everyone. Noting that the number of women in the Senate tripled in the last election, she said women won in "opportunities, not guarantees," in 1992.

She said the different "life experiences" of women force them to have different priorities in Congress, such as child care and reproductive freedom. She spoke of the "double burden, double talk and double standard" of the child care situation in America and said Congress asks women to make "an unconscionable choice" between staying home to care for a child or entering the workforce.

Ireland said women suffer most from the ban on lesbians and gays in the military, because in the Army, women are three times more likely than men to be discharged amid allegations they are lesbians. In the Marines, the occurrence is eight times as great, she said.

She also commented on the need to create a more comprehensive Freedom of Choice Act that gives young women and poor women in particular the opportunity to get an abortion. Ireland said the Supreme Court is "blinded by its own anti-abortion views" and said NOW is trying hard to get the federal courts, the FBI and the Justice Department involved in giving women protection against anti-abortion violence.

White House reporter reflects on profession

Press keeps democracy alive, Thomas says

by Angela Baker

Hatchet Reporter

United Press International's White House Correspondent Helen Thomas told GW students, staff and alumni Thursday that her job is "to keep people informed and democracy alive."

Thomas spoke at the annual Stephen Holly Bronze Lecture sponsored by the National Center for Communication Studies.

She explained that the press wants to make those in authority more accountable and said a press conference provides a forum that accomplishes this. She said she advised President Clinton to give the press access to the White House press secretary, to hold news conferences at least every two weeks, to continue appearing on talk shows and to make town meeting appearances.

Thomas has accomplished much as UPI White House correspondent and a member of the Washington press corps. She was the only print journalist to accompany President Nixon on his goodwill trip to China. She has traveled with Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush and her experiences and stories date back to the Johnson administration.

Thomas acknowledged that she is not well-loved. Former President Johnson

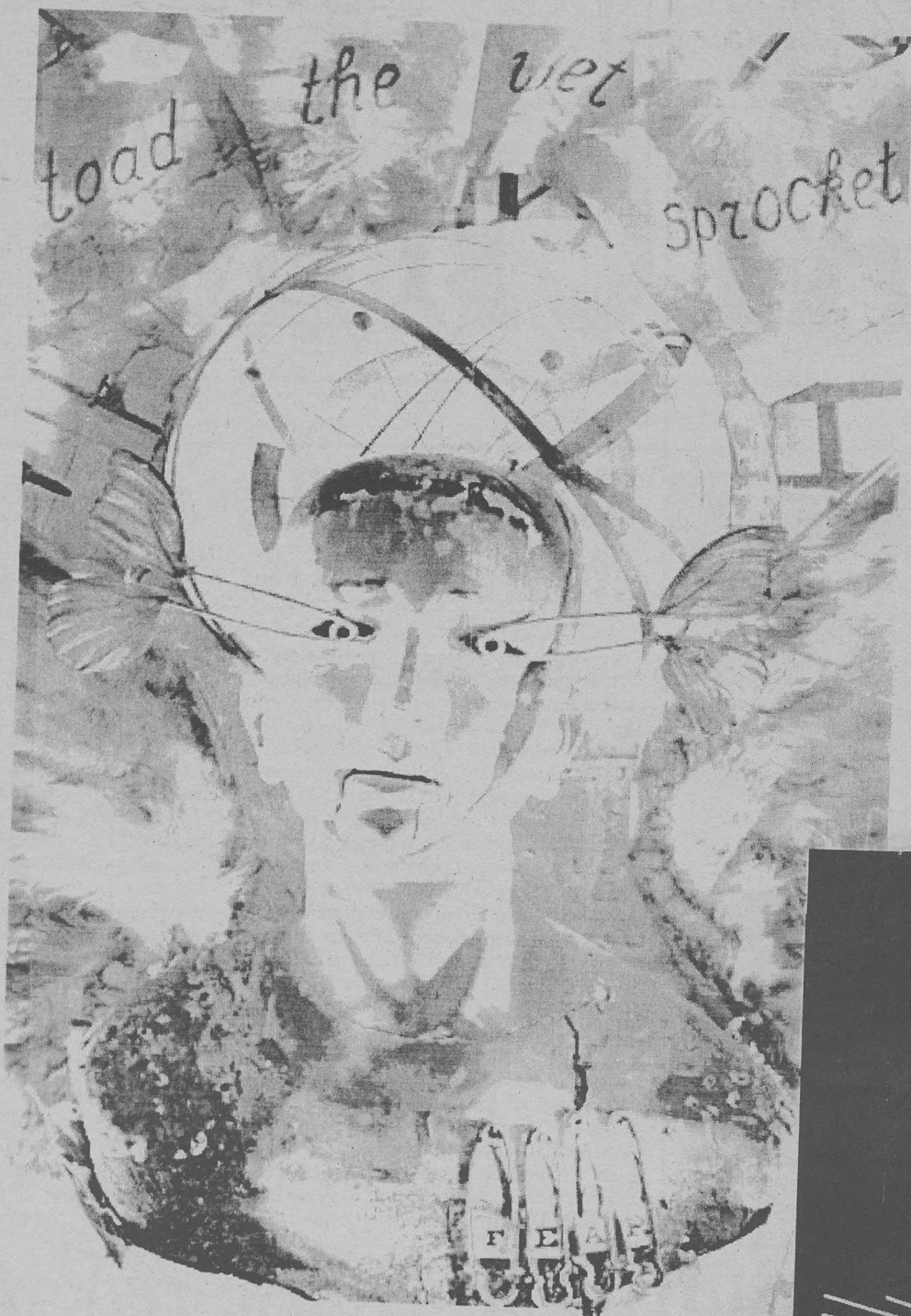
said that when God created the world he did not rest on the seventh day because he "would have had to explain it to Helen Thomas."

During her speech, Thomas addressed the access problems for the press in the Clinton administration. She said Clinton has put them in their place and has succeeded in controlling the message. The press is now restricted from the White House press secretary's office, which is where they used to get a feel for what was going on in the White House, Thomas said.

Thomas said Clinton has his hands full. He stopped on Friday in Portland, Ore., to discuss the spotted owl controversy on his way to a summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin in Canada. In the meantime, the Republicans back here in Washington, D.C., are blocking his economic package. He also has the war in Bosnia to deal with as well, she said.

"There is no question that he will be an activist president," Thomas said. She described the job of president as being the loneliest position in the world.

Clinton and his young staff "scoff at tradition" and "want to reinvent government," she said, adding that Clinton has a public persona, is eloquent and has command of his facts and figures.



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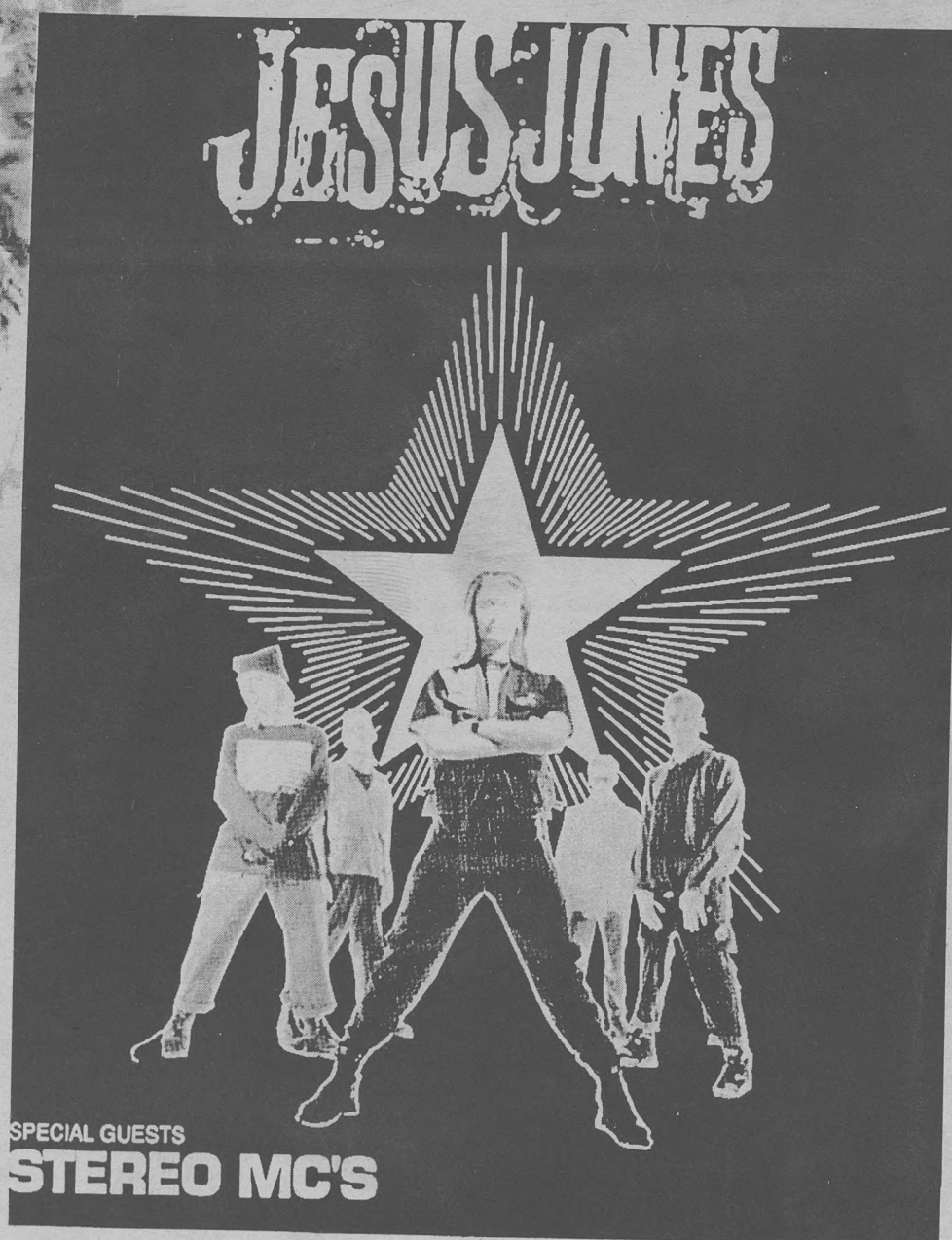
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GW, Hillel celebrate Passover with seders

Generally, Passover is the most celebrated Jewish holiday after the High Holy Days, and several organizations at GW have taken special measures to help GW students celebrate it.

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Gewirz Center will hold a community seder Monday night in celebration of the first night of Passover. Marriott will also participate by offering kosher items in the campus dining facilities.

The annual Passover dinner at Hillel is open to the whole campus, in addition to the Foggy Bottom community, according to Scott Feldman, Hillel's community service chairman. The dinner will be larger than the normal meals served at the Hillel center, Feldman said, adding that about 150-175 people are expected to attend.

Although most Jewish American families celebrate the first two nights of the holiday, Hillel will only have one full seder. The Hillel Center will continue to serve Passover foods throughout the duration of the eight-day holiday. It is estimated that more than 75 people will attend the meals each day, which are being delivered from the University of Maryland because of the increased demand, Feldman said.

Marriott also offers kosher Passover food in the dining halls. Marriott General Manager Maurice Jenoure said the M.C. Store has a large selection of Passover items. In addition, Thurston Hall's dining facility will offer kosher for Passover items such as matzoh, hard boiled eggs and matzoh ball soup.

-Alex J. Rosenheim

Speaker not disclosed

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg would not reveal who will speak at the Spring Commencement ceremony on the Ellipse May 9 because of the person's highly volatile schedule.

Though he would not even provide a clue as to who the keynote speaker will be, he did say when people hold "such an important position," they may have to decline an invitation at the last minute.

Trachtenberg said a number of people have been invited to the ceremony to receive honorary degrees and speak for a few minutes.

In an unrelated matter, Trachtenberg said he will give the commencement address at the Sidwell Friends school graduation, where Trachtenberg's son and First Daughter Chelsea Clinton attend.

-Lisa Leiter

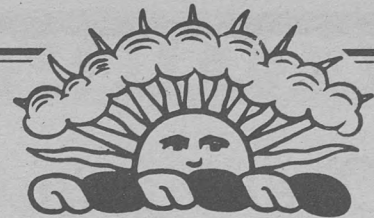
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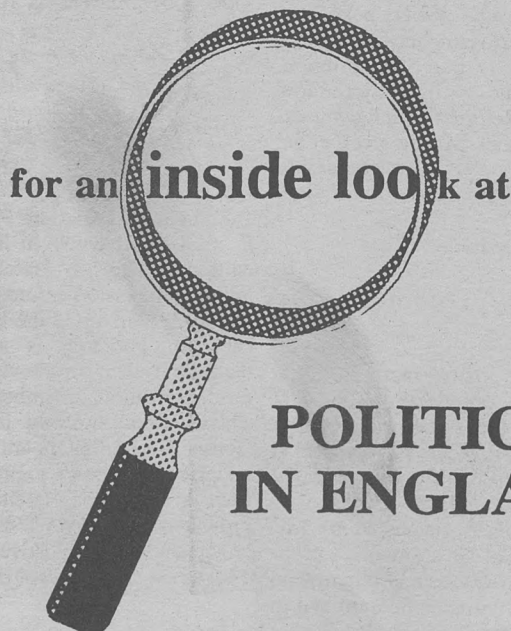
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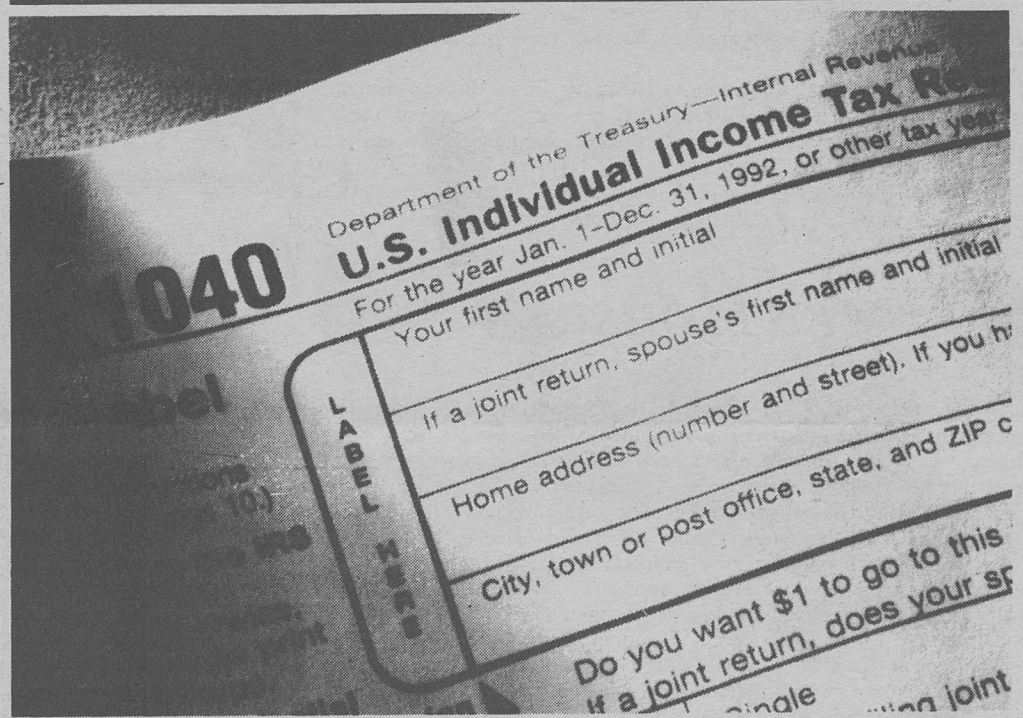
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EDITORIALS

Opening doors

Rev. Jesse Jackson hopes to homer when he goes to Oriole Park at Camden Yards Monday to protest Major League Baseball's record of getting minorities into the front office. However, with Jackson's polarizing rhetoric and style, he's more liable to strike out, and fail to correct a real problem with the sport.

The words of Marge Schott thrust baseball into the spotlight of racial controversy and Jackson has jumped into the fray with the numbers to back him up. Blacks account for 31 percent of the game's players, but make up just 8 percent of workers in the front office and 4 percent of the executives. The status of Latin Americans, women and other minorities are comparable, if not worse. The people are available, but they are not getting the jobs.

Why is baseball important? In addition to serving as a metaphor for life, the big leagues have become a big business, making people a load of money. Society increasingly demands that all businesses more accurately reflect the makeup of the citizens of the country. Baseball is no exception, adding another problem to a sport already plagued with difficulties.

Then, into this racial vacuum came Jackson. It should be no surprise that he jumped into the politics of baseball. In the past few years, he's run for president of the United States, fought for D.C. statehood and assumed a leadership position in the NAACP. The moves have brought him more attention, especially in the press, but have also diluted the message. Is there a cause truly dear to his heart? To most of America already jaded after an election year, the protest at Camden Yards will sound more like noise and annoyance as Jackson seeks the presidency of the NAACP.

Time is supposed to heal all wounds. Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color line 46 years ago, Martin Luther King Jr. died 25 years ago and Schott uttered her words this year. The issue of race keeps creeping into the game with no resolution in sight. Opening Day has become a yearly ritual in America, but baseball's appeal is dropping. If the sport does not make an effort to diversify, the chances for healing will diminish.

Green House

People will celebrate the 23rd annual Earth Day on April 22. But for the first time in 12 years, they will celebrate it with a Democrat in the White House whose vice president has been a staunch advocate of environmental protection (he even wrote a book) during his tenure in the Senate. Though Clinton has shown more of a commitment to the environment than his Republican predecessors, he should leave most of the work to his cabinet members for now and concentrate on stimulating the economy and reforming national health care.

Though Vice President Gore should stick around Capitol Hill for a while to help lobby for the president's economic package with his old buddies in Congress, he should work on environmental issues throughout the country. This would help him develop a "personality" — which many people have said he lacks — and take some of the burden off President Clinton, who made a quick stop Friday in Portland, Ore., to talk about the spotted owl controversy before flying to Canada for a summit with Boris Yeltsin.

The White House isn't the only house in the United States that is taking an active role in protecting the environment. Mandatory resident recycling programs have become commonplace in many cities. GW is also doing its part by placing more recycling containers on campus and taking recyclables to a company in Georgetown, saving the University about \$20,000 for the 1992 fiscal year. And many students participate in environmental activities, either on or off campus.

Though University officials have made great attempts to recycle, they should also consider renovating some of the older residence halls to improve energy efficiency. Asking students to conserve energy in their rooms — by turning off lights when leaving home — along with others' efforts to protect the environment will help send the right messages to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

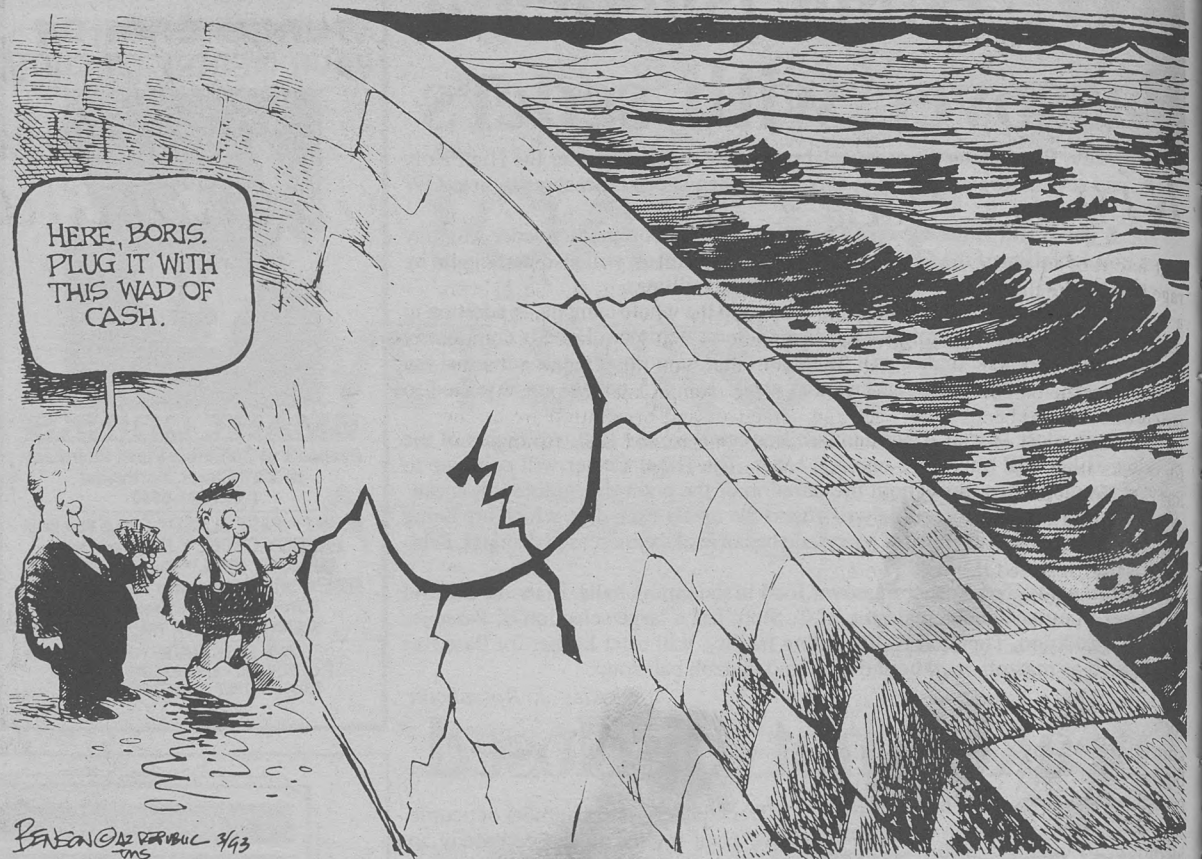
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Religion's all over

Like most GW students, I, too, have not attended any of the events of Religion Week. My reasons for not going to any of the scheduled events are probably quite different from anyone else's. I do not believe in God, therefore, I am not religious. Having these beliefs in today's society, however, is quite difficult.

Our entire society is based upon some sort of religious faith. One cannot function from day to day without encountering some sort of reminder of our religious base. It is impossible.

Religion is everywhere. How often do you look at your watch during the day? Most likely, quite often. Time is based on the recognition of a God. We are living in the year, 1993 A.D. Our entire structure of time in the modern world is based on religion, before and after the death of Christ.

Religion is everywhere. Almost every facet of our country and its history is based on some sort of religion. The pledge of the allegiance reads, "... one nation under God ..." "America The Beautiful" sings, "God shed his grace on thee ..."

Religion is everywhere. We all know the statement one must swear to in a court of law: to "solemnly swear to tell the whole truth, nothing but the truth, so help you God." What happens if you do not believe in God? Ethically you are not bound to tell the truth, only legally. How can our country justify establishing a system that so heavily relies on a belief in a God?

Religion is everywhere. For the past several weeks, David Koresh has been lounging around in his complex in Waco (We Ain't Comin' Out), Texas. He is doing this in the name of God — he is waiting for a signal from God to tell him what to do. Last month, people, in the name of God, planted a bomb in the World Trade Center in New York

City. Everyday, there are conflicts in Israel over the Palestinians and the Israelis over religious beliefs.

Religion is everywhere. Scientology, a pseudosect / religion, is supposedly worth nearly \$1 trillion dollars according to a *Time* magazine cover story last year. If *Time* is correct, Scientology is worth approximately one-seventh of the entire U.S. economy — it's big.

Religion is everywhere. Virtually everyone in the world knows who the Pope is. Almost everyone knows who Mother Teresa is. Nearly everyone in the United States will remember the Bakkers, Tammy Faye and Jim. Of course there are several other popular religious figures in the United States such as Rev. Jesse Jackson, Pat Robertson, Rev. Al Sharpton, etc. My point is religion is everywhere in our society.

It is almost absurd for someone like myself to view the world having the religious beliefs that I do. It really makes no difference to me what society believes. I simply find it amazing how much of society is actually based on religion. Some may be disappointed by the low turnout of the Religion Week events. I am not surprised. Maybe people get enough religion out of the everyday life and do not need the extra dose of God.

-Graham T. Klemm

Insanity

I have read many, many articles, editorials and op-eds in The GW Hatchet since I first came here as a freshman in 1978. Never have I been so appalled as by the contribution of David W. Harris in the March 29 issue.

I am particularly disgusted by Mr. Harris' support of Dr. Cameron's proposal that "homosexuals and others who carry the AIDS virus be quarantined in camps or tattooed ..." Has Mr. Harris learned nothing from the example of the Holocaust? Tattoos? Quarantines? The

Creator also advocates tolerance for our fellow man — he seems to have lost that part of the message. Or perhaps tolerance is allowed only to those who adhere to Mr. Harris' own views of morality. He should thank God that people tolerate his narrow-mindedness!

Oh, and just so David Harris won't feel compelled to label me as among the lunatic fringe, I am a female occupant of Northern Virginia, a Jew and fairly well-educated, whose politics are only slightly left of center. I also happen to be a graduate of the University and an employee of the University hospital.

One of the great things about the United States of America is that we value the free marketplace of ideas. The First Amendment is a very useful tool. I am sure that many people believe that persons with attitudes like Mr. Harris' should not be allowed to voice them. The true gift of our right to free speech is that it allows us to expose the insanity voiced by Mr. Harris for what it is!

-Mindy Zuckerman

Endorsement

Student Association President-elect Scott Adams' essay in the March 25 edition of The GW Hatchet may have left the impression among some readers that the leadership of the Young Americans for Freedom is attempting to distance itself from the views of one of the organization's members, Scott Lauf. This is simply not true. In fact, YAF's Committee on Letters and Publications endorsed the views expressed by Mr. Lauf in a recent Hatchet essay that provoked Mr. Adams' response. The endorsement was approved by a vote of 14-1 among members of the committee.

-Michael E. Wilson
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Right-wingers resort to ignorance, hate toward gays

It is out of unadulterated and primal rage that I write this letter, for only such a powerful emotion could make me respond to, and acknowledge the hateful, hysterical rantings of a fascist. The debate over the ban on gays in the military is one that has been raging back and forth in the pages of The GW Hatchet for weeks now, but it has gone simply too far. For lack of rational, educated argument and constructive suggestion, the extreme right-wing element on this campus has resorted to base ignorance and hatemongering.

You, David Harris, pursuing your Ph.D. in political science and president of American Students for a Safe Israel, are a revolting personality. My disgust for you and your politics is only compounded by your astonishing bigotry, especially since you head an organization whose name carries that of a nation that was almost crushed by Nazi ideology, to which it would seem you subscribe.

Mr. Pietrzyk and the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Alliance are not "denizens." They are individuals who are brave enough to stand tall and proud in the face of discrimination against their community. They care very much about the debated issue of the ban against gays, and served to give your pitiful little presentation a degree of respectability by their presence. As to where anyone puts their penis, I don't think that's any of your damn business. I have yet to see or hear of any LGBA event sponsoring anything so interesting, and the last time I checked the vagina does not carry a sign saying "insert penis here."

Mr. Pietrzyk and the LGBA are not actively promoting any sexual practice. They serve a purpose — much like that of Hillel — the promotion of pride and a place of refuge for a discriminated

minority. I also gag at the thought of your sexual practices, Mr. Harris — especially where you like to put your tongue — but I'll never hold it against you that you like women because I prefer men. A mature person's sexual practices and orientation are an individual concern and not a factor on which society should judge.

Truman Packard

The gay, lesbian and bisexual community is well aware of its high risk of HIV infection, and probably one of the few minorities that is taking responsible steps toward the control of the epidemic, and care for its victims. It is true that our people have been probably the most seriously affected by the disease, but the overall tragedy is not exclusively homosexual, and your ignorance and paranoia only serve to set back AIDS awareness and the search for a cure.

You ask, "Just who has a sick mind?" Well, I'll tell you. People who blindly propagate hate, pointing accusing fingers at the downtrodden and proposing solutions that rob a whole community of its humanity. Tattoos and concentration camps are the ideas of Hitler's disciples, and an affront to human dignity. If nature has been trying to get a message across, it is to all humankind. Any idiot can practice dangerous sexual behavior regardless of his or her sexual orientation.

It is pathetically typical of your kind, Mr. Harris, to disguise your bigotry in the robes of those precious "Judeo-

Christian" values. These same values have kept women subjugated for centuries, endorsed the rape and murder of thousands of "nonbelievers," and have been the cradle of man's inhumanity to man throughout this country's history — it was called slavery, LOOK IT UP! Just because a belief system has 3,000 years to back it up does not mean that it should provide the last word on morality. Society is evolving, Mr. Harris, and it is ignorant and childish to subject enlightened persons to your hopeless clinging to the past.

No man or woman in history has gotten the "clear go-ahead" from God. Each one of us, human beings, is left to make choices between right or wrong based on our own judgment. As long as others do not suffer from our choices, we should be allowed to live our lives in

the pursuit of fulfillment — not in the bashing of those we think are different.

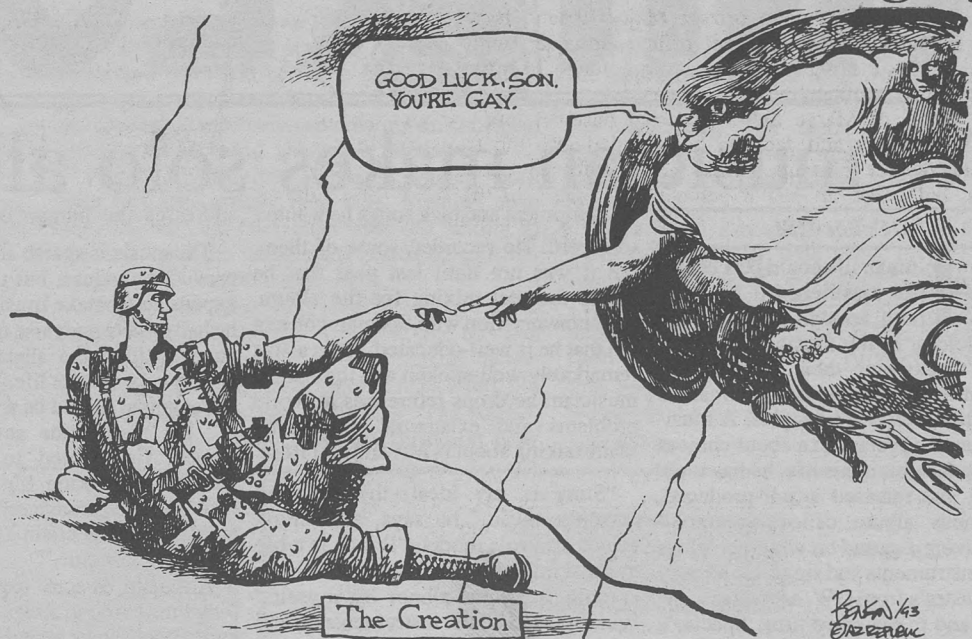
No human being should be denied any opportunity to serve their fellow human beings. The only lifestyle that should be denied is that of hate and aggression. What are you afraid of Mr. Harris? Whether homosexuality becomes a personal factor in your life is an issue only you will have to deal with. Nobody is going to cram their sexual orientation down your throat (no pun intended).

The only reason "sodomy" is illegal in the District is because ignorant, frightened and bitter people continue to deny that same-sex relationships are just as loving and legitimate as heterosexual ones. The administration of this University should be applauded for its recognition of sexual orientation as an identity

definer and not a vice. The LGBA is not promoting any lifestyle, rather it is trying to ensure that young gay, lesbian and bisexual students can have a life.

In closing, I would like to thank you, Mr. Harris, for igniting this righteous rage inside of me, because no matter what you say or do, I am aware of the radical changes that this society is going through. And guess what, people like me are winning out against people like you. We're winning because our goal is the final acceptance of all humankind based on character and achievement, and not the subjugation of anybody's lifestyle, religion, race, creed, handicap or sex.

Truman Packard is a sophomore majoring in international affairs.



Not only does going bald stink, study says it just might kill you

As if going bald wasn't bad enough.

Last month, a report was released that linked men's baldness to heart attacks. What is the world coming to?

When I look down at the drain while I'm in the shower, not only do I see bits of potential dates and shreds of ego slowly swirling into the plumbing, now I will see minutes, hours and days of my life washing away.

It's bad enough that for each hair that flutters from my head I am demoted in the social ranks. The bald man in the movies never gets the girl (Telly Savalas excepted). The "cueball" drives the station wagon, chews on a stinky cigar and uses ancient speech like "swell."

Baldness has become a social stigma. "Hey, buddy, can you put a hat on or something? The glare is killing me!" Chrome domes are an easy target for budding comedians. No wonder people join things like the Bald Is Beautiful club . . . it's probably the only place people don't bust on their lack of locks.

Add to this psychic trauma of balding the possibility of getting a heart attack. The study, commissioned by the Upjohn Co., correlates "vertex pattern balding" (Sounds more like a respectable disease you have no control over, right? No. Just means no hair on the crown of the head.) to heart conditions. Men with little or no hair on top have a 1.4

times greater chance of having their ticker stop. Everyone else, including those in the receding hairline category, have no increased risk.

Wait a second. Let me go back a few lines. Upjohn . . . Upjohn . . . Upjohn . . . where have I heard that name before? Do you recognize it? When you hear about this study, you need to think about whom commissioned it: Upjohn, the makers of Rogaine. Whew! I'm feeling better already.

Paul Connolly

The company that makes Rogaine, a snake-oil treatment for balding, funded a study on the correlation between hair loss and heart attacks. That's like GM trying to do an objective study of NBC News' accuracy.

I think all us men losing our hair can stop pulling it out in frustration over that likely bogus report. Shelve the Upjohn study with the report from a couple of years ago which said lefties die faster than righties, which was proved wrong last month.

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IMPRESSIONS

GW musician makes solo album

by Collin Hill

"Human life could be a beautiful experience if we have faith enough to make the right choices. In my music I try to get people to examine their choices."

Often in life, people have to make a choice between two lifestyles. A musician named Spectar talks about choices in his music, but in his life, he has it all. He has just released a self-produced, eponymous album called *Spectar* — *The Living Legend* on which he plays all the instruments and sings. He already has a master's from GW, as well as a law degree and in his spare time, Spectar's getting his Ph.D. in international relations. The man keeps himself busy.

Spectar originally hails from Camaroon — a country in West Africa — but he now lives in Philadelphia. In Africa, he grew up listening to a wide variety of musical styles from artists like Bob Dylan, Bob Marley, Fela Kuti, Manu Dibango and even the Jackson 5. He began playing guitar when he was 14, but now he plays keyboards and bass as well.

Spectar first got serious about making his album four years ago when he was thinking about getting his master's in business administration. "It was a tradeoff, I decided to get the MBA." As he was studying, Spectar began to buy

the equipment and pick songs he wanted to record. He recorded some of them, but it was not until last year that he began the real mixing for the album. In conversation with Spectar, you can tell that he is well-educated. He is also a remarkably well-spoken and thoughtful musician: he drops references to world problems and existential philosophy while talking about NWA and Axl Rose.

"Sting is my ideal, the educated person's music," he says, also citing Prince as a role model. "Prince is a big musical influence. He made me believe I could make an album by myself." Prince played all the instruments on and produced his early albums. He and Spectar have a little more in common than that and a missing last name. *Spectar — The Living Legend* — now on sale at Tower Records — has the same mix of sex and philosophy that has made his royal badness such a musical enigma.

Spectar's first album has two sides, the One Side and the Other Side. The Other Side is the funky side, a light-hearted collection of songs with names like, "Monkey Bizness" and "Dr. Love." The One Side, Spectar says, is the more serious side, "exploring human issues." It's songs are deeper and the song cycle of "Blue!", "Dancing on the Street of Dreams" and "Believe!"

addresses the human condition.

The music is sparse and lacks serious production values, but then again, it is expensive to make music. Spectar says he had to save and raise money for many years to fund the album. "I basically lived a very austere life. When you have a dream you should be willing to pay for it." He then made several thousand copies. He wanted to thank Tower Records for taking his album. "They take stuff on consignment from new artists. No other chain allows you to do that. It's fantastic."

Although Spectar says they were a long time coming, songs like "Believe!" and "Blue!" show promise. He says they are poetry set to music and the lyrics use a vocabulary of a higher level than many GW students would use.

Both layer lyrics over a simple synth riff and uncomplex rhythm. They suit his reedy voice better than the funkier songs on the other side. The funky songs suffer a little from being too long, but he says he is doing a dance hall remix of "Monkey Bizness" which should help tighten it up.

Spectar says his goals have been modest so every success is heightened. Young musicians should, "expect to have a good time, don't expect to do something big." He seems to be last one to talk about modest goals since he has achieved so many.



Danny Lohner and Adam Grossman are Skrew

9:30 Club puts Skrews to crowd in live show

Where there is madness there is sanity / Where there is pleasure there is pain.

by Sarah Western

Skrew did the 9:30 Club March 26 and I still can't walk. I still can't hear either — but I'm sure that's because I haven't turned off the band's debut album *Burning in Water, Drowning in Flame* (Metal Blade) for the last few weeks.

Gives me a god-like sensation.

Everything about Skrew works. The unfeeling name, the brutal lyrics and well-layered samples (found in italics between paragraphs), the desperately pounding beats and the occasional seductive groove. This is a band that wants to throw you up against the machine and slap cold reality in your face.

Hate and war and blind despair / tell me you love me.

Strangely enough, the main force behind this biting Austin band is one of the nicest people I've met in a long time. Adam Grossman — singer, writer, ex-junkie and friends with my sorority sister's family — smoked cigarettes and spoke slowly about brushes with death and the joys of Skrew.

I tell you I'll take you to hell / Boy I'll take you all to hell.

The other half of Skrew is missing from this tour. Danny Lohner is the computer programming wiz and tour detester — the opposite of Adam who enjoys being on the road. Danny and Adam started playing together in Angkor Wat — "a sort of hybrid hardcore punk rock band" — released two albums on Metal Blade and began experimenting with computers. After Angkor Wat's second album *Corpus Christi*, they were the only ones left playing music. They took their newfound computer skills and evolved into Skrew.

I bleed black mud / I bleed a cavity in your body / A cavity for thoughtless fuck.

Burning... was recorded at Chicago's Trax Studio and though you can hear the influence of the Wax Trax pack, Skrew isn't another Ministry clone. "It's a very incestuous kinda scene. We were in Chicago three days before Al (Jourgensen from Ministry) was like man — we need to do a side project... It was a very productive atmosphere, though. People were like — here, come do this on my album, I wanna play this on your album, can I?" As a result, guest appearances on the album abound.

While you're blowing for the blow like a tuba / There's a new shipment comin' in outta Cuba.

The show at 9:30 featured most of the tracks off *Burning...*, the highlights from the gig also being the best songs on the album. "This next song is for all you Journey fans, it's a cover song called Freebird." "Sympathy for the Devil" followed and didn't sound much like the Stone's version. Samples, distorted vocals and machine-gun guitars turned "Sympathy" into as much of a Skrew song as "Charlemagne" or "Gemeni." And most songs turned the crowd into a mosh pit.

And I'm going to baptize everybody / With fire!

The show's one disappointment was "Indestructible" sung by Possum, one of the guitarists. "The initial motivation for the song was a love thing — but now it's a vulnerability thing. It's like — tell me what the fuck you're all about." Possum's heavily computerized vocals did not measure up to the weightiness of the song.

The one thing about desire / If it's not cruel it's not pure.

The formality of the sampling and the sequencing in the songs doesn't lend itself to the informality of Skrew live. But the band is accessible live and by the end of the show, the crowd was skrewed and loving it.

I wasn't the only one protesting when the set ended, but Adam said it was better leaving them wanting more. I want more. Hell, I still can't get myself to change the CD.

Forbidden truths now relative / To the tongues that speak them... And I cry out while moonlight cuts my mouth.

Monstrous subplot destroys film

by David Larrimer

So you're scanning through the movie listings, thinking, "Man, why don't they make more weepy movies nowadays? I want to weep. I want to go to a movie, sit down, and weep, weep, weep. I want to wail buckets and moan to the heavens."

Boy, have I got a movie for you. Think of a father, played by Danny DeVito (sporting a haircut that certainly brought tears to my eyes), and two truly adorable kids struggling to recover from the death of their mother and their own personal problems. See? You're misting already.

That's what *Jack the Bear* wants out of you. It's not enough to make a solid, understated movie about a real family; director Marshall Herskovitz (who picked up considerable touchy-feely experience as the creator of the television show, "thirtysomething"), producer Bruce Gilbert, and screenwriter Stephen Zaillian want tears at all costs. Unfortunately, a lot of potential is sacrificed to meet their goal.

At the heart of *Jack the Bear* is the intriguing theme of those forces — labeled "monsters" — which make good people go bad. And the Leary family, composed of the father John and his sons, 12-year-old Jack and 3-year-old Dylan, have more than their share of monsters. They have recently been transplanted from Syracuse, N.Y., to Oakland, Calif., after the death of John's wife. During the movie they live in one of the most dysfunctional neighborhoods since "Twin Peaks." Furthermore, John is a wildly erratic soul, wavering between father and neglecter,

free spirit and alcoholic, children's show host and twisted freak. The Learys, like many real families, are constantly teetering on the edge of oblivion. One more twist of fate could send them over.

Up to this point, *Jack the Bear* is an effective film. It is sincere in its presentation of real people and real problems, funny, sad and engaging. It gets a huge lift from Robert J. Steinmiller, the very talented 13-year-old who plays Jack. Despite DeVito's star billing, this is Steinmiller's movie, and he doesn't disappoint.

But then comes the subplot. The subplot, so ludicrous in its conception that it deserves capitalization, is the vehicle that this movie takes on the short road to hell. It seems that sticking to a

well-constructed, real-life scenario was too much. Eleven simple words summarize The subplot: a poisoned dog, a muted boy, a grudge-holding, predatory Nazi. Saying any more would ruin the movie's conclusion, but you really don't want to know any more. Trust me.

The subplot, not the characters, becomes the monster so prevalent in the theme, laying siege to the film and starting a ridiculous chain of events that compromises every goal of the film save one. Yes, it will still make you cry.

But that's all *Jack the Bear* asks. One smile or tear or priceless look of surprise from little Dylan, played by the unbelievably cute Miko Hughes, and you'll be a big blubbering mess. Just like *Jack the Bear*.



(l. to r.) Steinmiller, Hughes and DeVito make one dysfunctional family.

ARTS & FEATURES

UDC makes miserable attempt to honor women in theater

by Jessica Southwick

In this "Year of the Woman" the University of the District of Columbia has attempted to highlight women's efforts in drama with their production, "It's Our Turn: Three Plays by Women." The three plays presented are all written and directed by women, and concern the roles of different generations of women in this century.

The first play, "Trifles," written by Susan Glaspell, combines a murder mystery with an emotional exploration of the silent strength of bonding women. "Trifles" lasted a little over half an hour. Although the "period" costumes weren't quite "period," (the 1916 suit looked a little too much like it came from the '80s), and the lighting was harsh and had a fluorescent effect, "Trifles"

provided some mild entertainment.

The calibre of acting varied widely. Philip Walker was stiff and disjointed in his portrayal of George Henderson, the county attorney investigating a murder, while Nataki Johnson gave a steady performance in her role as Mrs. Peters. The portrayal of Mrs. Hale by Carla Howard, a senior at UDC majoring in theater, was inconsistent, starting off awkwardly, but eventually falling into a weak sort of rhythm.

The second play, "Am I Blue," by Beth Henley, was by far the most enjoyable and truthful of the three. The acting was more consistent and fun to watch. Samarra Green, a sophomore at Howard University, was the bright spot of the entire night in her role as the underprivileged girl, Ashbe Williams. Her performance was energetic and

enthusiastic and won over the audience in the first three minutes of the play.

Douglas's portrayal of Alice Bailey, Machett's divorce lawyer, was painful to watch. She failed to find the balance between creating an annoying character and being absolutely abrasive.

Technical difficulties abounded. Music would blast out, then soften, then fade. Lighting cues were missed, and characters were left talking in the dark until the technicians managed to flood them with a sudden spot light.

Overall, the three plays could have been much better and much shorter. A project like this that aims to celebrate the role of women in the theater should first of all present performances worthy of

The final play of the night was "The Agreement," by Janet Neipris. As the third and final

production of the night, "The Agreement" was something of a let down, leaning sharply toward the mediocre side of the scale. At an hour and 15 minutes, the biggest problem was that it just took too damn long. The sighing, pausing, silent thoughtfulness and long moments of looking in each others' eyes got tedious after the first half hour.

Deya Smith, a theater major at Howard, played Sybil Machett, the soon-to-be divorced wife. Smith was the most convincing of the actors in "The Agreement," providing most of the laughs and personality. Unfortunately, her fellow actors didn't give her much support. Kimberly that emphasis. Unfortunately, this evening of women in theater gave the audience very little to appreciate.

Characters carry movie's comedy

by Maren Feltz

If you like sappy love stories and happy endings, you'll love *Married to It*. Orion Pictures' latest release features three couples, each facing problems in the different stages of married life.

Married to It is an entertaining film with some truly funny lines and strong acting. Unfortunately, at its core, it tackles all-too-familiar territory. The audience sees friendships form across economic lines between people with vastly different personalities, and marriages grow and renew despite incredible pressures.

Married to It really has no new insights to offer on this popular subject. Furthermore, the movie is dangerously devoted to the happy ending, which becomes another serious limitation to its theme.

Many movies would sink under the weight of six major characters, but *Married to It* finds its strength by tossing the action of the film among the three couples.

Beau Bridges (*The Fabulous Baker Boys*) and Stockard Channing (*The Fortune*) are John and Iris Morden, two leftover hippies struggling to put their sons through private school on a middle class budget. Iris chairs the parents' committee at the school, where she meets the new school psychologist, Nina Bishop, played by Mary Stuart Masterson (*Fried Green Tomatoes*).

Nina has just married her childhood sweetheart, Chuck Bishop, played by Robert Sean Leonard (*Dead Poets Society*). Masterson and Leonard are perfectly cast as the wide-eyed newlyweds from Iowa, making their way in New York City.

Enter Claire Laurent, a high-powered executive played by Cybill Shepherd ("Moonlighting"). Laurent is the second wife of toy manufacturer Leo Rothenberg, played by Ron Silver (*Reversal of Fortune*). Although Shepherd seems stiff in the early scenes of the movie, she grows more comfortable with her role as the materialistic, sexy ice princess as the film progresses. Silver probably deserves the credit for warming her up. As Leo, he is left with some of the movie's most serious sap as he struggles to please his wife, his daughter, his ex-wife and himself.

The parents' committee provides the backdrop for the friendship that develops between the three couples when Iris and Nina commandeer an unwilling Claire to join the decor-



Silver (top), on the brink of bachelorhood, leaves the heavy boxes for Bridges (center) and Leonard. Channing (bottom) is the committee for the school pageant. Donna Vivino makes good in her movie debut as Leo's daughter, Lucy. At once hot-tempered and endearing, she provides another valuable link between the adults in the film.

Although the movie opens with an instrumental, merry-go-round version of the folk song, "The Circle Game," events take an immediate turn for the better with the introduction of the six main characters. Bridges and Channing make the real power couple. As John and Iris Morden, they are the most stable of the three couples and they are also the most humorous. *Married to It* offers some truly funny scenes that make all the clever lines and sweetness tolerable. I guarantee you will laugh out loud, and more often than not, it will be at Bridges and Channing.



(l to r.) Masterson, Channing and Shepherd indulge in a girls' night out.

The middle part of the story is fairly strong, but it is not without flaws. In its hurry to wrap up a neat and happy ending, the film fails to provide a sufficient conclusion to the trials faced by Chuck and Nina Bishop. Their first major problem as newlyweds comes in the form of a public scandal that serves to unite the three couples, and though its unfolding is treated thoroughly, its resolution is met in an almost offhand way. Likewise, the problems between John and Iris develop quickly and are resolved even quicker.

Its biggest downfall is that *Married to It* cannot resist a picture-perfect ending, set to "The Circle Game" (again) which was irritating the first time around and will annoy even the most sentimental viewers the second time.

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Students encourage peers to take action

by Rob Ganz III

Many students today are accused of being apathetic toward the changing plight of the Earth. GW students, however, show a concern that stretches beyond necessity — they sincerely want to help to save the planet.

Freshman Brian Bailey says the environment is not necessarily in trouble now, "but there is a potential for trouble if we don't start doing things now."

He explains recycling is important to protect scarce resources. "We need to renew them, rather than just throw them in the dump," he says. Recycling, he adds, is a small thing students with busy schedules could do that would "still add up to a big part for the environment."

Economics graduate student Amy Henderson also notes the importance of recycling in any community. "It's equally important to buy recycled products, as it is to recycle used products."

Henderson says many students recycled where she used to attend school in rural Maryland. "I think it's a little harder to get motivated when you're in the city. My other school was on the water so people see the effects (of pollution) more closely," she adds.

Senior Michael Bui also thinks it's important to recycle "so children in the next generation can enjoy a nice environment." He adds, though, that the majority of GW students don't do enough to help the environment "except when clubs, fraternities and sororities organize something."

Bui cites dumping chemicals and wastes in the ocean — which consequently kills fish and marine life — as another major problem. He suggests that industry spend more money to prevent chemical spills, and government strictly enforce laws to make companies pay for polluting. "Government has to play a major role," he says.

Rachel Talbert, GW College Republicans chair, says young people today are more aware of environmental issues than in the past. "We're the first generation in which care of the environment is a big issue."

Talbert points out that it was a Republican, President Theodore Roosevelt, who established the National Park System, and adds that conservatives are generally in favor of preserving the environment. The difference with the Republican party, she says, is that they believe creating wealth should be a primary goal, which will in turn lead to a cleaner environment.

Matthew Jerinsky, a junior majoring in engineering, says people must consider the tradeoffs involved in protecting the environment. People must be prepared to sacrifice performance if they want cars to run on electricity or alternative fuels, says Jerinsky, a member of the GW solar car team.

Jina Preis, a junior from Tbilisi in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia, says American students aren't as concerned about the environment as students in her country, which lies on the Black Sea along with Ukraine, the site of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster. After the Chernobyl accident, she says, much of the sea life died and no one swims anymore. "(In Georgia), people really understand how important the environment is," she says.

Earth Day '93 celebrates indigenous peoples

by Kati Gazella

Since former Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.) started Earth Day in 1970 to promote an environmental consciousness, support has grown for the event to make it the largest peacetime celebration in history, Dawn Matthews of Earth Day USA says.

For the 23rd celebration of Earth Day on April 22, 1993, local programs and events will incorporate the dual themes of "Working with the Earth" and "Honoring Indigenous Peoples." The theme of working with the Earth emphasizes a correlation between job growth and environmental restoration, extending Nelson's initial goals. The theme of "Honoring Indigenous People" corresponds with the United Nations' designation of 1993 as the "Year of the Indigenous People." It also recognizes the respect Native Americans have always had for the environment, according to a speech made by Earth Day USA President Bruce Anderson.

An estimated 200 million people in 141 countries are expected to participate in Earth Day events this year. Here, in the nation's capital, a Bike-to-Work Day in which Vice President Gore is expected to participate, is scheduled for April 22, according to Joe Libertelli, spokesman for the Metro Area Environ-

mental Network.

Other activities will include a concert on Earth Day with Midnight Oil and the Violent Femmes, various street cleanups, tree plantings and participation in a nationwide March for Parks fundraiser April 17.

SEA aims for campus awareness

Activists organize around common agenda, diverse priorities

by Maren Feltz

Students for Environmental Action is the only student organization on campus with an agenda geared entirely toward the environment.

"Our goal is essentially to provide a resource to students and make people more aware of what's going on," SEA President Jeremy Madsen says.

Madsen says SEA does not work under a single determined agenda, but is powered by the interests of its members. "Everybody comes in with their own ideas," Madsen says, adding that of the organization's 60 members, approximately 15 make up SEA's core membership.

While the group's priorities are diverse, its focus is primarily on and around the GW campus because that is where the group can make the biggest impact. "We're kind of the University's environmental watchdogs," Madsen says.

That sentiment has not stopped the group from taking their programs beyond GW's boundaries. Madsen says the SEA has become more activist-oriented lately. He says SEA will establish an environmental education program at Stevens

Clinton promises to on

Will he and Gore live up to campaign pledge a 'n

by Lee Hoffman

When President Clinton was on the campaign trail last year, he pledged to the American people that his administration would "take the lead in promoting sustainable development" as well as work toward a "new covenant for environmental progress."

Using buzzwords such as "conservation" and "environmental technology," Clinton painted a rosy picture of peaceful coexistence between business and environmental interests. Now that Clinton's administration is firmly in place, it's possible to review the early policy initiatives Clinton has pushed through, and extrapolate those results to predict Clinton's future progress with environmental issues.

Environmentalists were heartened when Clinton chose Al Gore, author of *Earth in the Balance*, as his running mate. Given the combination, many environmentalists were convinced that inroads would be made into the environmental apathy created by 12 years of Republican control of the executive branch. However, Clinton's track record has been far from exemplary since he took office.

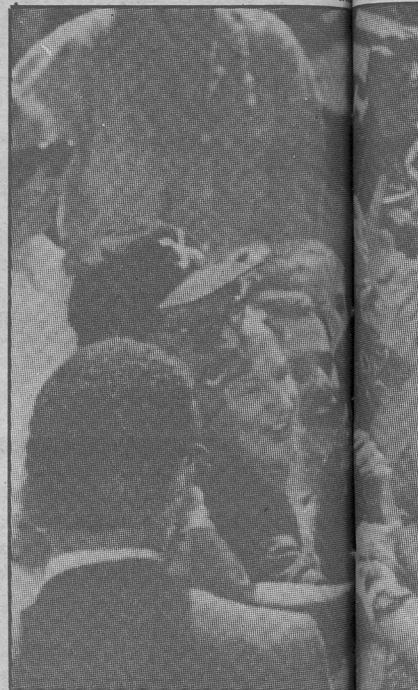
One of Clinton's first efforts was to abolish the controversial Council on Environmental Quality and replace it with a similar organization within White House control. The CEQ's main responsibility was to mediate environmental disputes between various governmental agencies. It seems that function has not changed much under the new regime. However, a new bill currently in the Senate could change all that.

The bill, which has the full support of the Clinton administration, would elevate the Environmental Protection Agency to the Cabinet level. If the EPA does gain Cabinet status, those tasks

previously fulfilled by the CEQ would be transferred to the elevated EPA. Elevation of the EPA was one of Clinton's first environmental campaign promises, and it looks as though the proposal will soon become law.

However, on other environmental issues, Clinton has not fared so well. One of his rallying cries against the business-as-usual mentality in Washington was that public lands were being leased to private developers at rates far below market value. As a result, ranchers, coal miners and oil developers were able to remove natural resources from the land with little regard to environmental impact.

Clinton realized the only way to limit the damage to the environment was to raise the lease rates in order to make



President Clinton listens to supporters.

thing (in the city) on this day," publicity director Chuck Todd says.

Other college-related events scheduled throughout the month of April include a concert cosponsored by GW and other area colleges and a joint cleanup program with the Sierra Club.

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"The biggest threat to the environment right now is lack of environmental education," SEA member Cara Gerard says. "We figure a good place to start would be the third grade."

Throughout the month of April, the group's members also participate in "Ticket America," a program to target and guzzle automobiles: "Adopt a McDonald's," a program to urge the fast food chain to add a vegetarian burger to the menu, and a joint, local cleanup project with the Sierra Club.

Madsen says the organization's biggest accomplishment this year has been to really solidify relations with the University administration, a goal which the group has been working toward for several years. This year marks the establishment of an environmental task force comprised of students, faculty and administrators. The task force meets each week to discuss environmental issues on campus. Eliminating the use of polystyrene on campus, instituting an environmental policy in the residence halls and using double sided copiers are goals SEA members hope to achieve in the weekly meetings, Gerard says.

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EQ for business. Thus far, however, the Clinton administration has succumbed to the pressures of big business and camped the federal leases at their current low rates.

Clinton spent this weekend in the Pacific Northwest in an attempt to mediate the dispute concerning the endangered spotted owl habitat. Both sides are entrenched in their positions, and it appears that the problem is fairly intractable. Optimism was further dented when Clinton downgraded the meeting from a forestry summit to a conference. Outside of big talk, it appears that the roots of this problem will be around for some time.

In the next few months, the administration will also have to concern itself

with the environmental ramifications of the North American Free Trade Agreement. NAFTA is coming up for ratification soon, and Clinton has indicated his support for the agreement. However, environmentalists are concerned that with the ratification of the treaty, many American industries will shift production to Mexico, where environmental laws are not as strictly enforced as they are here. So far, Clinton has not offered any concrete proposals to address this problem.

Some of Clinton's other economic promises seem to have a better chance of actually coming to fruition. When he announced his economic plan, Clinton called for an energy tax to be levied on all forms of energy, based on the amount of energy provided. Should that proposal manage to pass through Congress, the demands of the energy tax and the cost associated with the tax should aid the completion of some of Clinton's other proposals.

One proposal in particular that should benefit from increased taxes on energy consumption is Clinton's project to raise average fuel-efficiency goals for cars to 45 miles per gallon. Such a proposal would also help Clinton achieve what was perhaps his most important promise in the campaign — stimulating the economy by having business create new solutions to environmental problems. Clinton hopes that by creating jobs in the environmental technology area, he can offset any job losses caused by the new environmental policies.

The Clinton administration has many other environmental irons in the fire, but if Clinton wants to really make an impact in the realm of environmental protection, he must first stand up to the business interests that have gotten their way during the last few months. To do so may not be politically expedient, but it may be the only moral choice left.

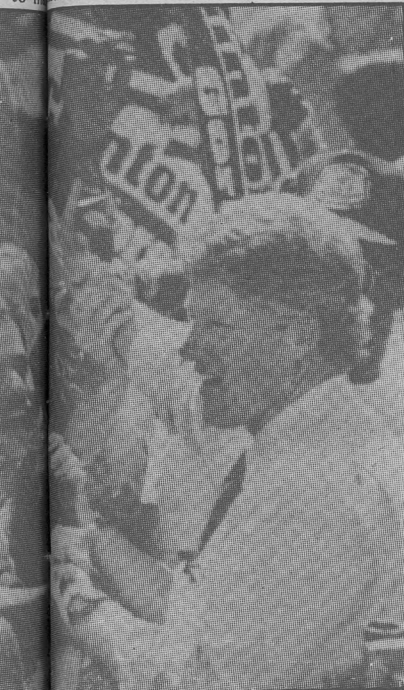


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concerns about the environment.

Summer interns should be cautious

by Andrew Tarnoff

The signs have been posted on campus all year, but as summer approaches, advertisements promising money to help save the environment are becoming more visible.

The fliers advertise summer internships at organizations such as the Campaign to Save the Environment, offering students opportunities to earn \$2,000-\$3,000 to save the planet.

To many students, however, these opportunities seem too good to be true. Save the Environment is a national "grassroots" lobbying group whose main goal this summer is to lobby for the passage of the Clean Water Act.

A representative of Save the Environment says it is indeed possible for interns to earn \$2,000 to \$3,000 this summer, depending on the position they hold and their experience and leadership skills. The organization pays all interns at least a base pay of \$160 to \$200 a week, the representative says.

But freshman Bryan Pelley, who has worked with an organization like Save the Environment, is wary of such claims. "Out of the 40 or so people I was working with last summer, I knew of maybe one person making the money advertised in the brochure," Pelley says. "And she was our office manager."

Pelley, who spent two months last summer working with Washington-based Clean Water Action, says he believes that while the organization had environmental concerns and was not a scam, it misconstrued some issues to its applicants.

Unlike the Campaign to Save the Environment, employees of Clean Water Action were paid \$33 a day for the first month, from which they were expected to deduct their own taxes.

"I'm sure they're really concerned about the environment, but I advise any prospective employees to listen to what they have to say and then give it careful consideration," Pelley warns.

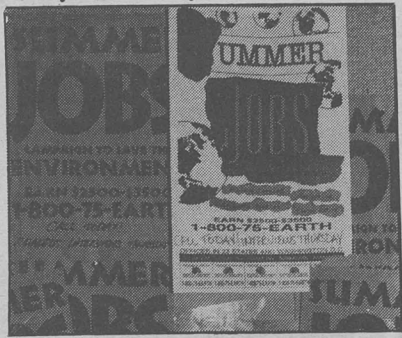


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Junior Sherita Alai contributes to GW's recycling program, which saves the University about \$20,000 a year.

University pitches in, recycles, saves money

by Sarah Western

GW saves approximately \$20,000 a year recycling paper, cardboard, cans, glass and plastic, Assistant Director of Housekeeping John VonKerens said.

VonKerens began to work on recycling projects at GW three years ago, helping GW to comply with mandatory business and home recycling laws in the District. He said the amount of recycled goods collected at the University has increased about 18 percent each year, with approximately one to one-and-a-half tons of recyclables collected each day.

The recycling program undoubtedly helps GW to save money. GW originally deposited all trash at Lorton Landfill that charged the University \$64.39 per ton. That price doubled at the beginning of 1992. But by taking recyclable goods to Georgetown Paper Stock Co. for no charge, the University reduced the amount of waste deposited at the landfill and saved \$20,588 for the 1992 fiscal year.

All over campus recycling containers are accessible and growing in number. "We're looking at putting recycling bins on every floor (of the residence halls). Right now in a lot of residence halls they're in the basement and only the die-hards will bother going down there," VonKerens says.

He also cited a need for at least two bins on every street. The current bins accept mixed paper, cardboard, cans, glass and plastic bottles. VonKerens says there will soon be one container for glass, cans and plastic and a separate one for paper.

VonKerens also says he is working with a committee to unify the seven different types of garbage cans on campus. A beautification committee will decide on one single type.

GW students show more awareness of recycling than other parts of the University community, VonKerens says. "That is what we're trying to change. We're trying to encourage the community to recycle more. Every office desk on campus should have a recycling box next to it."

He added that there are two different boxes available and encouraged people in need of new recycling boxes to request them from Housekeeping by calling 994-6410.

Several GW courses offer opportunity to focus on environment during class

by Kelly McCollum

Students who want to make their schedule a little "greener" can find plenty of opportunities for learning about the environment at GW. In addition to classes in the environmental studies department, several other departments offer courses dealing with environmental topics.

Courses offered by the environmental studies department this fall are Senior Seminar in environmental studies and Introduction to Environmental Law.

The geography department also

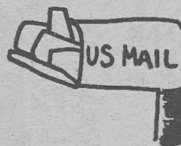
provides several environment-related courses. Classes available this fall include: Introduction to Environmental Geography, Resource Management and Conservation, and Resources and Environmental Quality.

A selection of other courses concerned with the environment include: Man, Culture and Environment (ANTH 152), General Ecology (BISC 154), Environmental Engineering I: Water Resources and Water Quality (CE 193), Environmental Engineering II, Water Supply and Pollution Control (CE 194) and Environmental Geology (GEOG 5).

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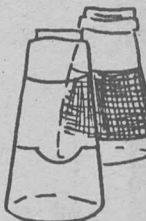
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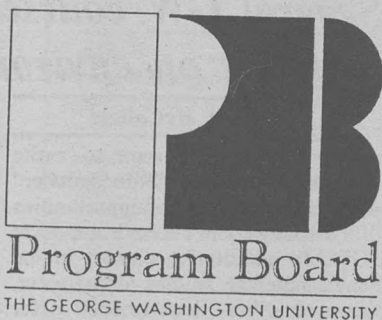
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Clinic to work with AIDS patients. Students also work with the elderly at St. Mary's Court and other places in the Foggy Bottom community by shopping for them, helping them clean or reading to them, he says.

Konwerski says the office tries to focus students on working in the Foggy Bottom area, giving the school a reputation of caring about the community and showing that students do not just live here, but are involved in the community. Community service also unites the campus around a common goal, he says.

There are, however, other ways to get involved in community service outside of the Foggy Bottom area. Madelyn Andrews, special assistant to the commissioner on social services, says government agencies always look for volunteers to supplement their staffs. "It has become increasingly clear that government alone cannot make a dent in these problems . . . it takes a combination of several sectors (of society) to begin to make a difference."

She says while the District has no coordinated, centralized effort to get college students involved in community service, some government agencies will hire students for the summer and certain

offices depend more on college students to help out than others. She also says she thinks having a centralized way to recruit college students would be "a desirable thing."

Andrews adds that college students are needed because "the reality is most cities are having tough times because of declines and the recession. A lot of programs have been cut . . . volunteers can make the difference and keep (programs) going."

Some government agencies that offer volunteer positions include the Office of Latino Affairs, the Department of Corrections and the Department on Aging.


Community service is a good thing for students to get involved in, Konwerski says, because it puts students' leadership qualities into action and it is a positive experience. "People learn more than they ever thought. People change in a positive way. It makes you feel good."

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Corrections

The report "Religion Week fails to interest students" appearing on p. 1 of the April 1 GW Hatchet should have stated Religion Week Vice Chair Kristen Holtz said there was a misconception on campus that religion is a boring topic. She also said that the purpose of Religion Week was to address religions other than the ones prevalent on campus.

The editors regret the errors. The GW Hatchet apologizes for the picture on p. 3 of The GW Switch-It.



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Campus Highlights

April 5-11

Campus Highlights is a calendar of events, services, & announcements at GW. Submissions for upcoming week must be turned in to GW Information Center (Marvin Center, 1st floor) no later than preceding Wednesday at noon.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

No submissions at time of production.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Beauty & the Beast. Lisner Auditorium, 10am. Sponsored by American Theatre Arts for Youth. Info: 1-800-523-4540.

"Islam in Africa." Fungler 209, 12:30-1:45pm. Speaker: Dr. Sulayman Nyang, Dir. of African Studies Center, Howard University. Sponsored by Anthropology Dept. & Office of Experimental Programs. Info: 994-6075.

Effects of AIDS on Health Care Reform. Fungler 322, 8pm. Free. Sponsored by GW Student Pugwash. Info: Walter 676-3007

Amnesty International. MC 415, 9pm. New members welcome. Sponsored by AI. Info: 676-3002.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Lisner at Noon. Lisner Auditorium, 12:15 pm. GWU Dance Dept. Spring Sampler, including contemporary & classical dance. Free & open to public. Sponsored by Lisner Auditorium. Info: 994-5524.

"How to Take Votes: New Ideas on Right Ways to Determine the Winners." Staughton Hall 301, 5-6pm. Speaker: Lowell Bruce Anderson, Institute for Defense Analyses. Sponsored by GWU Chapter of Omega Rho, & GW Dept. of Operations Research. Info: 994-6084.

Dimock Gallery Opening Reception-Annual Awards Show. Lisner Auditorium, 5-7pm. By invitation only. Info: 994-1525.

"The Real Deal." Fungler 613, 7:30pm. An Alpha Kappa Alpha Month Alcohol Awareness seminar. Co-sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha & Substance Abuse Prevention Center. Info: 676-2398.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Faculty Recognition Brunch. GW University Club, MC 3rd Floor, 10:30am. Honoring Henry Solomon, Mary Holman, Nicolae Filipescu, A. Joseph Zuchelli, Dewey Wallace, & Harry Yeide. \$15 per person. Sponsored by CCGSAS. Info: 994-6063.

"The Ethics of Futile Care." Government Hall B-04, 4:30pm. Lecture

by Prof. Robert Veatch. Sponsored by Philosophy Dept. Info: 994-6265.

Gross National Product: "The First One Hundred Daze." Lisner Auditorium, 7:30pm. Free tickets at Marvin Center Newsstand. Sponsored by GW Program Board. Info: (301) 587-4291.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

An Evening with Ram Dass. Lisner Auditorium, 7:30pm. Tickets: \$15 + svc. charge at Ticketmaster or Phone-Charge (202)432-SEAT. Student tickets: \$12 at Marvin Center Newsstand. Sponsored by the Hanuman Foundation. Info: (301)972-7257.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Embassy Dinner. Market Square, 6:30pm. \$18 non-members, \$16 members. Sponsored by International Students Society. Info: 994-6864 or 994-6860.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

No submissions at time of production.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Penny Drive for Sickle Cell Anemia. Boxes at MC Newsstand, MC Store, GW Bookstore, George's, & Leo's Deli. Proceeds go to Center for Sickle Cell Disease. Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mu Delta Chapter. Part of 1993 Alpha Kappa Alpha Month. Info: 676-2398.

Second Annual Festival of Mirth-Original One Acts. Downstage Lower Lisner, April 8-10, 8pm. \$1 donation suggested. Sponsored by Generic Theatre Company. Info: 994-9490.

Annual Awards Show. Dimock Gallery (Lower Lisner Auditorium), open April 8. Hours: Tues-Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 12-5pm. Free and open to public. Info: 994-1525.

"International Perspectives." Colonnade Gallery, Marvin Center 3rd floor. Photographs by international students studying at GW & by GW students who have traveled abroad along with artifacts collected by students from around the world. April 8-May 3. Info: 994-8401.

Spring Dance Concert. April 15-17, 8pm, Marvin Center Theatre. \$8 gen. admission, \$5 students/seniors. Sponsored by Dept. of Theatre & Dance. Info: 994-6178.

Reducing Anxiety to Prepare for Final Exams. MC 407, Mondays 3-4:30pm, 3 sessions from March 22-April 5. Sponsored by University Counseling Center. Info: 994-6550.

Reading the Book of Daniel in Greek. Bldg. O 204, Tuesdays, 12:15-1:15pm. Informal, bring lunch if desired. Spon-

sored by Religion & Classics Depts. Info: 994-6326.

Free Aerobics Classes. Mon-Fri, 12-1pm & 7-8pm in Smith Center. All participants must complete waiver. Contact Rec. Sports Office at 994-6251.

Looking for someone to play tennis, racquetball, or squash with? Drop by the Recreational Sports office to find your match. Smith Center 128. Info: 994-6251.

GW Writing Center. Stuart 301H. Offers tutoring in all phases of writing, from brain-storming & outlining to drafting & revision. Center hours: Mon-Thurs., 9am-8pm & Fri., 9am to noon. Free to all GW students. Info or appointment: 994-3765.

Conversational English Classes. Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm, MC 405. Sponsored by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Info: (703) 281-4185.

Squash Instructional Orientation. Monday and Wednesday evenings, City Sports Squash & Fitness Club, 1120 20th St. NW. Sponsored by GW Squash Team. Info: 387-8525.

University Counseling Center Services. Various topics covered, from study habits to student issues, with individual counseling or group support. Schedule or info: 994-6550.

Toastmasters Meeting. Every Wednesday, 6:30 in Marvin Center. Learn to lead & perfect your public speaking. Info: Robert Barnett 994-9645 or Greg Wolter 994-9652.

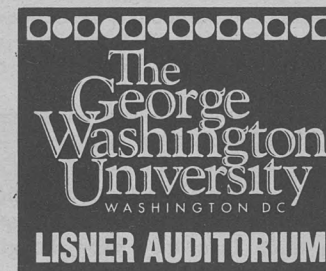
Tennis Tournament. Men, Women's, Singles competition. Entry deadline, April 12. Tournament begins April 16. Forfeit fee, \$10. Sponsored by Recreational Sports. Info: 994-6251.

Potomac River Rat Race. 4-person relay race run along banks of Potomac River from Thompson's Boat House, crossing over Memorial Bridge into VA & back. Entry deadline, April 12. Team Rep's meeting, April 13. Race date, April 17. Forfeit fee: \$20/team. Sponsored by Recreational Sports. Info: 994-6251.

Golf Tournament. 2-player teams competing in "best ball" format at East Potomac Golf Course at Haines Point. Entry deadline, April 20. Tourney date, April 23. Entry fee: \$20/team. Sponsored by Recreational Sports. Info: 994-6251.

Cherry Tree Trot. Annual 2 mi. race around Jefferson Memorial Tidal Basin. Entry deadline, April 21. Race date, April 24. Forfeit fee \$10. Sponsored by Recreational Sports. Info: 994-6251.

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Student wins in D.C.

Mock investments pay off for GW senior

by Daniel Owen

Hatchet Staff Writer

GW student Jonathan Gilbert placed first in the District in a national investment competition, the "AT&T Collegiate Investment Challenge."

The competition involved students investing an imaginary \$500,000 in stock exchanges, using a specially set up 800 number and making their trades in "real time," Gilbert said. Gilbert, a senior majoring in finance, finished 75th out of 9,000 contestants nationwide.

Gilbert explained how the contest worked. "I would use the 800 number as a trading desk and make whatever trades I wanted to through them. And they would keep track of all our trades and how our investments were doing," he said.

"I first heard about the competition from USA Today and I was just really interested in it," Gilbert said.

From his initial \$500,000 investment, Gilbert finished the four-month competition with \$751,652.15, a press release

from competition sponsor Wall Street Portfolios said. This represents a 50.33 percent appreciation, which compares with a market appreciation of 4.47 percent for the Dow Jones and 10.84 percent for the NASDAQ index.

Gilbert said he used a "very aggressive approach" in choosing his trades, identifying "very speculative" investments. "I looked for undervalued companies. I just tried to find good investment opportunities," he said.

After graduating, Gilbert said he will work for an investment banking corporation in New York City. He said he is already a licensed stockbroker, currently working for a firm in Washington, D.C.

The winner of the national competition, which is now in its fifth year, receives \$8,000 in cash, \$1,200 in AT&T long distance certificates, a trip for two to the Bahamas and a Pontiac Grand Am Coupe. "I don't know if I won anything for coming first in D.C. They haven't told me," Gilbert said.

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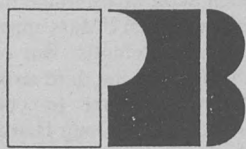
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SPORTS

GW rounds out pack at NCAA Regionals

by James Dinan

Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW gymnastics team ended its season on a low, yet strong, note at the NCAA Southeast Regional Championships, held Saturday at the University of Georgia in Athens. The Colonial Women scored 189.35 points in the event, finishing last in a seven-team field.

Georgia won the region, totalling with a Southeast Regional record of 197.50 total points. The University of Florida finished second with 194.30, followed by North Carolina State University (191.00), the University of Kentucky (190.80), Towson State University (190.50) and West Virginia (190.25).

The finish was off the all-time best GW performance in the Regionals, set last season when the team took fourth. But then, the Colonial Women needed just a total of 186.875 points. With five teams returning to the Southeast Regional this year, everyone improved to make competition fierce.

Although it was a tough go-round throughout the tournament, several GW gymnasts turned out successful performances. Junior Nikki Bronner led the all-around for GW with 38.15 points, good for a 10th-place finish. Agina Simpkins of Georgia took the top individual honors with an astounding total of 39.175.

Bronner also led the team in the floor exercise, finishing in a tie for fifth overall with a score of 9.875. Hope Spivey of Georgia won the event, receiving a 9.975 from the judges.

Bronner also took first-place honors for GW in the vault. She scored a 9.45, which left her in a tie for 21st. Spivey and Simpkins of Georgia tied for first in the event, both scoring perfect 10s.

Junior Andria Longereita finished on top for the Colonials in the two other individual events. Longereita scored a tenth-place finish in the uneven bars, scoring a 9.775 from the officials. Georgia's Lori Strong hit a perfect 10 to score an individual triumph.

Longereita also led GW in a surprisingly mediocre performance on the balance beam, scoring a 9.55. Georgia took another event as Spivey and Heather Stepp tied for first with a 9.90.

On the team's side, GW's most impressive team score was on the floor exercise, as their six competitors combined for a team score of 48.30, which was good for fourth overall. The Colonial Women also scored strongly on uneven bars, finishing fourth with a 48.275. In the other two events, GW finished seventh on vault with 46.10 points and last on the balance beam with a 46.675.

Once again, the winner of all four events, team scores, was Georgia. Spurned by a home crowd of 7,012 (a Southeast Regional record), the Bulldogs scored totals of 49.60 on vault, 49.15 on uneven bars, 49.10 on balance beam and an impressive 49.65 on floor exercise.

Georgia automatically qualifies for the NCAA championships with the win, as do the winners of the other three regionals. Out of the remaining teams, the ones with the highest seven total scores will take the remaining spots for the April 17 Championships at Oregon State University.

In addition, N.C. State head coach Mark Stevenson walked away with "Coach of the Year" honors for the Southeastern Regional. GW head coach Margie Cunningham won that award last season.

Tennis stomps foes

by Jen Chalt

Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW men's and women's tennis teams won all three of their scheduled matches this weekend, the women (9-0) posting two 8-1 victories over James Madison and Old Dominion Universities and the men, winning 7-0 over Rutgers.

The women also played two additional make-up matches because of the season's rainy weather. The Colonial Women faced off against East Carolina University and George Mason University, winning both by scores of 9-0.

The women's seven-member, all sophomore squad lost only one singles match — No. 6 player Petra Rydlova fell once — to each of its two regularly scheduled opponents. According to GW head coach Joe Mesmer, the doubles pairing of Lisa Shafran and Karina Ramirez "was very impressive" and highlighted the day's events.

"We almost doubled our record in one weekend," Mesmer said, discussing the bad weather that has forced several reschedulings this season. "It's nice to

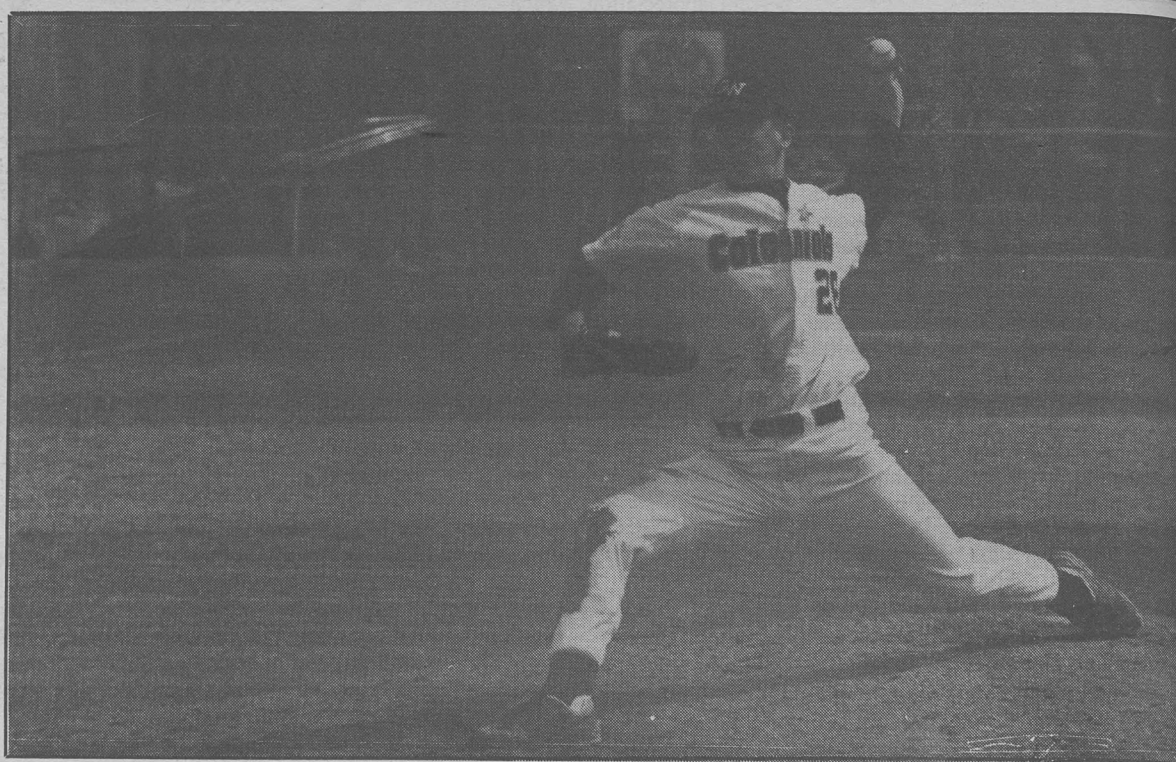
get some playing in after we've been rained out so many times."

The Colonials got some playing time while travelling to New Jersey, beating the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers, 7-0. The players won all of their singles matches and also swept the doubles in competition.

"They played outstandingly," Mesmer said. "(Rutgers University) has some good doubles teams but they got beat in some positions." Mesmer added that the men's team had one of its better wins of the season, and should be seeded at No. 3 in the East Coast Region behind Temple University and the University of Virginia.

"Overall, the women had a great weekend. We only have three or four matches left (of regular season play)," Mesmer said. "After that, we are set to be top seed for the conference."

Aces — The men's team will compete next against the U.S. Naval Academy Thursday and the women will play a home match against Winthrop College Friday at 2 p.m.



Scott Linder faced the wrath of the Minutemen's bats, which scored five in the second.

photo by Dave Jackson

Baseball breaks winless streak, splits doubleheader against UMass

by Deanna Reiter

Asst. Sports Editor

The GW baseball team was able to take advantage of the sunny skies Sunday to get in some game time against Massachusetts. Originally, the teams' doubleheader was scheduled for Saturday, but the teams instead met on the fields Sunday because of rain. The Colonials lost to UMass 12-0 in the first game, but took the upperhand in the second for a final score of 6-1 at Barcroft field.

Each team winning one apiece now puts the Colonials record at 1-4 in the Atlantic 10 Conference and 6-12 in the overall season and broke an eight-game losing streak. UMass moves to 2-2 in the A-10 and 6-6 overall.

GW 6, UMass 1

Two Minutemen errors extended rallies and Rich Rosenberger pitched seven innings of two-hit ball to lead GW to victory Sunday.

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ALEFANTIS, CF	3	0	0	0	PLUS, C	2	0	1	1
HAMILTON, RF	3	0	2	1	URBALDO, CF	3	0	0	0
CAHILL, CF	0	1	0	0	PILESKI, 2B	3	0	0	0
KOENIG, 3B	3	1	2	0					

UMASS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
GW	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	6	7

DP - GW 0, UMass 2; LOB - GW 9, UMass 4; 2B: PATTON; HR: BROWNING; SB: JANUARY, PITSINGER.	
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UMASS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
TELOCHER L	4.3	4	3	2	4	4
MURPHY	1.7	3	3	1	0	2

GW	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
ROSENBERGER W	7	2	1	1	3	3

Allen Browning led off the fourth inning with a home run to start the scoring and then Scott Sharp found his way to home as well when UMass apparently struck out L.J. Alefantis. But catcher Andy Pelis dropped the third strike and Alefantis reached first to continue things. He scored on Doug Hamilton's first-pitch single. With a total of seven batters getting a chance to swing, the two runs advanced GW to its first lead of

the afternoon.

UMass advanced one batter home in the fifth. GW got Todd Pitsinger in as well in that inning, and the score became 3-1. The visitors made two more errors in the sixth to help out Hamilton and Mark Koenig. Hamilton, with Justin Cahill pinch running for him, hit a single in the sixth. Koenig followed his lead with another single and Pitsinger also reached base. All three batters advanced to home, with sacrifices by Greg Patton, Rob Walsh and Browning taking his lumps when he was hit by a pitch, to end the scoring and the game at 6-1 for the first GW win since the fifth game of its spring trip.

"We found what we needed to win. We played very aggressively and took advantage of UMass's mistakes. It was like how we began the season," GW head coach Jay Murphy said.

Murphy singled out Rosenberger and Hamilton as key players in the second game. Rosenberger struck out three Minutemen and walked only three, allowing just two hits. "It was exactly what the Colonials needed," Murphy said. Hamilton started for GW in the right field and got an RBI. "He was the key to our sixth inning," he added.

UMass 12, GW 0

In the second inning of the first game Sunday, UMass hit a stroke of good luck. GW was unable to find a soft spot as the Minutemen powered five of its players into home plate to take the lead and cruise to a 12-0 win.

GW kept UMass to its five-run lead during the third, with a one, two, three inning. Unfortunately, UMass made four more runs in the fourth inning and added another three in the fifth, concentrating the Minutemen scoring into three innings as they did not score after the fifth.

GW stranded eight men on base throughout the game and never sent four people to bat in any given inning as Jeff

Toothaker baffled the Colonials on his way to a six-hit shutout.

Scott Linder lasted three and two-third innings and allowed eight runs to score to continue the bad streak in GW's pitching staff. Koenig relieved him in the fourth, only to allow another four to score.

BASEBALL - UMASS 12, GW 0									
GW	AB	R	H	RB	UMASS	AB	R	H	RB
WALSH, 2B <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>LARROCCA, SS</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td>	4	0	2	0	LARROCCA, SS	4	0	0	0
PITSINGER, 3B	4	0	0	0	CORRADI, DH	2	1	0	1
PATTON, SS	3	0	1	0	HOWARD, LF	5	3	4	1
BROWNG, RF	1	0	0	0	JANUARY, C	3	3	3	5
FERGUSON, DH	3	0	0	0	KNOIGHT, RF	4	0	1	1
HUBAN, 1B	2	0	0	0	RICHARDS, 1B	4	1	1	1
ALEFANTIS, RF	1	0	1	0	KELLY, 1B	1	0	0	0
SHARP, CF	3	0	0	0	CREAMER, 3B	4	1	2	1
URDA, LF	3	0	2	0	URBALDO, CF	3	1	1	0
CAHILL, CF	3	0	0	0	PILESKI, 2B	4	2	3	2

UMASS	0	5	0	4	3	0	0	0	12	14	1
GW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4

DP - GW 1, UMass 1; LOB - GW 9, UMass 8; 2B: URBALDO	
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PILESKI URDA; 3B: ALEFANTIS; HR: JANUARY 2; SB: HOWARD, PITSINGER.	
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UMASS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
TOOTHAKER W	7	6	0	0	2	5

GW	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
LINDER L	3.7	9	8	6	3	3
KOENIG	1.3	4	4	3	1	0
CLARK	2	1	0	0	2	3

The Colonials' four errors proved costly, as did the two home runs from UMass catcher Jeff January. January took Linder deep in the second with a three-run blast. Koenig saw deja vu in the fifth as January knocked another three-run homer in the fifth with a 1-1 count.

"We didn't play well. We didn't have a good ballgame," was all Murphy had to say about the first of the twinbill.

On Deck — The Colonials will hit Barcroft Field Monday at noon against UMass to finish their series with the Minutemen. "UMass is beatable if we do the right things. We expect to win tomorrow," Murphy said. GW will also play Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Virginia Commonwealth University and return home Wednesday against the University of Richmond with a 3 p.m. start. The last time the Spiders and Colonials met, Richmond came out on the winning end of a 7-2 score in Richmond, Va. This is, of course, only if the weather permits.

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SPORTS

Crew continues to torpedo opposition on the water

by Vince Tuss

Sports Editor

GW crew grabbed more wins this weekend as both the men's and women's sides came away with victories at the George Mason Invitational Sunday at Occoquan, Va.

The teams were scheduled to compete Saturday, but the rains of the past week have made conditions awful. "The water's been past flood stage for two weeks now," GW head coach Paul Wilkins said. "Practice has been a pain and racing's been impossible."

When the men and women finally got on the river Sunday, they were able to cross the finish line first. The men's varsity eight took first in 5:55, outdistancing host George Mason by eight seconds while the women's varsity squad grabbed the top spot in an even seven minutes.

Wins were not kept to the varsity squads alone. The men's novice A team (6:57) and junior varsity (6:37), along with the women's novice B squad (7:24) all came away with wins Sunday.

"It was a successful day for all of us,"

Wilkins said. "Both men's and women's varsity teams won and we also won five of the nine races. We felt really good about it. The women are getting better every week. We're on track and beginning to do very well."

In every race except the men's lightweight, GW came out ahead of Williams College in Massachusetts, which Wilkins said he sees as a good benchmark of the team's level so far this season. "Traditionally, Williams is good competition, but we overwhelmed

them today. They didn't even take second in the men's varsity eight." Although the GW crew came out on the short end in the lightweight eight, they only lost by one second — 6:09 to 6:10.

In the other races on Sunday, the women's novice A boat lost a close race to George Mason. The host boat edged out GW by a mere 0.3 seconds, while the women's JV lost to the College of William and Mary, which completed the course in 7:55 to GW's 8:00. The men's novice B team finished in second place

in a time of 6:32. Georgetown University's squad finished on top in 6:25.

Even with the wins, Wilkins said he still looks toward the future. "It was a good performance, but there are still things to work on," he said. "It's a trend in the right direction."

Sculls — In the front in Wilkins' mind is the GW Invitational next weekend on the Potomac. "We'll be up against some very good crews," he said. "It'll show our progress and where we have to go for the rest of the year."

Teams spring to action with off-season games

by Vince Tuss

Sports Editor

Just because it's the off-season for the GW water polo and volleyball teams doesn't mean competition has to end. Both squads have used their spring so far to their advantage in team success and individual improvement.

The GW water polo team brought a team of young players, just two substitutes and a newly converted goaltender to face the bigger and older club teams of the South at the Carolina Cup in Charlotte, N.C., March 13 and 14. And what did the upstart Colonials do? They went and won the entire thing.

"It was a good tournament for us, especially with the teams we played," GW head coach Andy Turnage said. "They were all pretty big and experienced, but we played and distributed well. We did well on the counterattack, which really helped us out. It's been our focus all spring."

The spring season has given the younger players a chance to play and freshmen were able to make sizeable contributions and improve on the weekend. Of the group, Turnage singled out the play of William Stewart and Dave Thomas.

The Colonials downed the Atlanta club team, 19-18 in double overtime in the championship round of the tourney. Turnage started freshman Seamus Conlin in goal, which just happened to be his first game ever as a netminder. "He was a soccer goalie in high school," Turnage said. "Under that kind of pressure, he just turned in an outstanding performance."

Freshman Matt Huff scored only two goals in the game, but they were crucial as they both came in the overtime periods. Patrick Holley racked up eight goals against Atlanta and Glauco Souza added five.

GW earned a third-round bye and a trip to the championship game with a 17-15 victory over the host Charlotte Sharks in the second round. Souza tossed in six, while Peter Kaganowicz and Thomas scored three to account for most of the Colonial scoring.

The team opened the tournament with a 22-20 overtime win against Georgia Tech University. Souza netted seven in the first game for GW with Thomas scoring four as well.

The Colonials have been tuning up for its own home tournament April 17 and 18 at the Smith Center against many local club and college teams. "It's a good bracket for us. We've beaten most of these teams before," Turnage said. "We have a good chance for winning it all, but it's tough to tell. We're all pretty confident after our last tourney win."

For the GW volleyball team, the spring has been good to the Colonial Women, who have won all five games of the spring season in their own GW Spring Invationals.

Over the past weekend, the squad dropped the University of Maryland and the College of William and Mary at the Smith Center. It was the first chance for the players to be on the court since the last GW Invitational March 6 and 7. There, the team downed George Mason University, the University of Delaware and the Terrapins for the first time.

With the crunch of team competition in the fall, individual development sometimes gets lost in the shuffle. GW head coach Susie Homan said the spring practice time primarily works on that end of the sport, blending it with competition when it comes to playing actual games. Homan said she sees this as one of the most productive springs since she's been at GW, mostly because of the Colonial Women's success this year.

"With our work in the post-season, all of the team now has the idea of what kind of commitment it takes to get to the next level," she says. "There have been many positive changes and everyone's significantly improved their games."

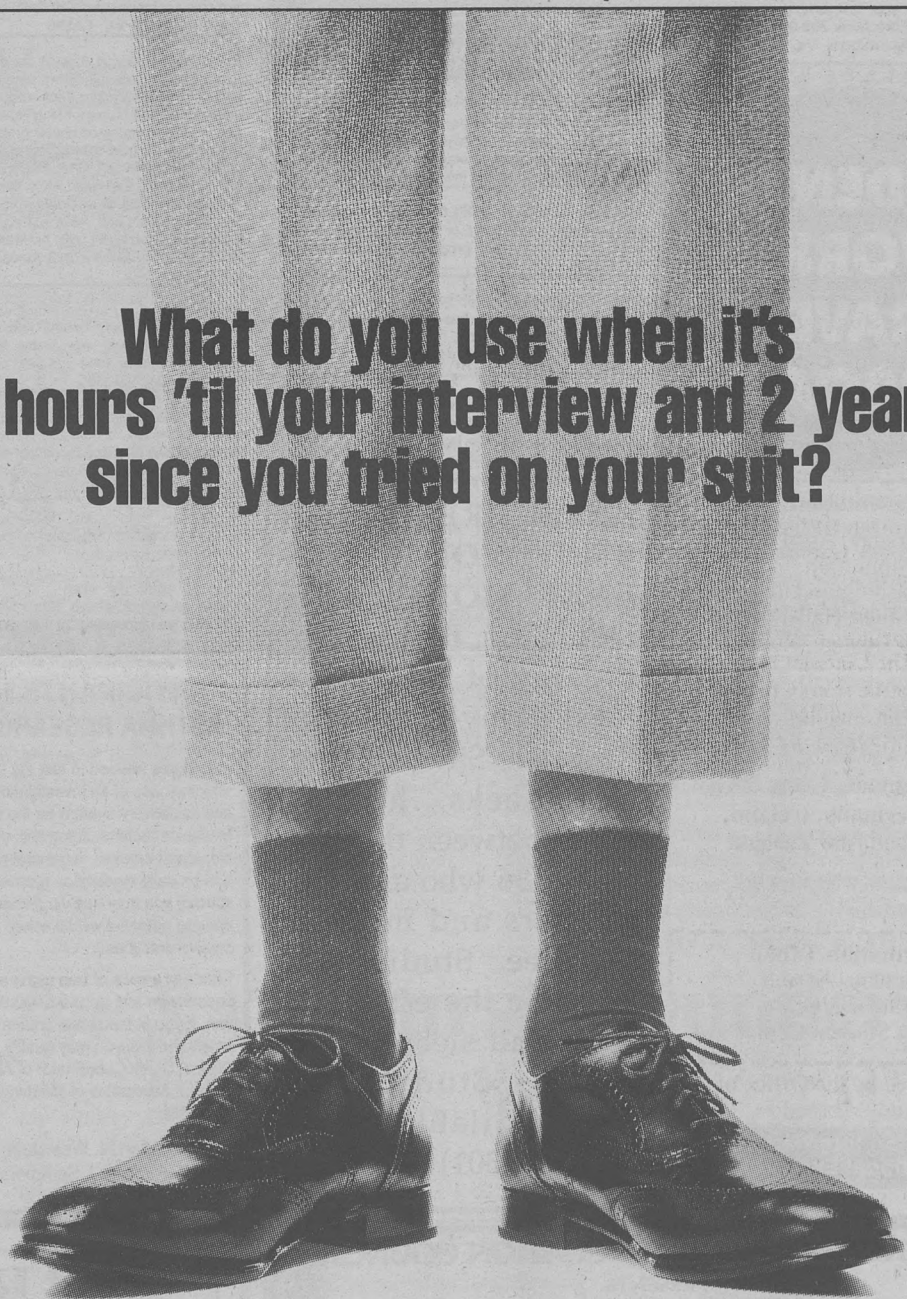
The games during March and April help some, according to Homan, but they do differ from the games of the fall. "We get the competition and anytime you can play a Maryland or a William and Mary, it helps," she said. "It's very intense, but the element of pressure of the regular season is missing."

Some of the players have seen the fruits of their labor at the U.S. Sports Festival tryouts March 27 and 28 in North Carolina. Jennifer Smuck, Khuong Ta, Liz Martin and Stefanie Francis all went to try to make the team. Only Ta made it past the first cut, but Homan said it's still a big improvement for all of them.

"We just wanted them to have the opportunity to compete with the high level players on the East Coast. We accomplished that and someone made it past the first cut, so it was a success. For all of them, it was a very positive experience," she said.

The unbeaten season may not continue for long. The Colonial Women head down to the University of North Carolina to face the Tar Heels, Duke University and Syracuse University. But win or lose, GW gets topnotch experience to help them improve when fall rolls around again.

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